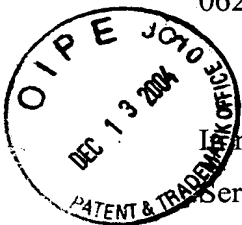


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Dear Sir:

**Request for Extension of Time**

Applicants hereby take an Extension of Time for responding to the Office Action dated August 13, 2004 for one (1) month from November 13, 2004 to December 13, 2004.

Applicants attach a check for \$130.00 to cover the cost of filing this Extension of Time. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fee or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 02-0384 of BAKER BOTTS L.L.P.

Respectfully submitted,

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